

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted January 30

Robert J. Callahan,
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Nicaragua.

Elisebeth C. Cook,
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, vice Rachel Brand.

Heather M. Hodges,
of Ohio, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Ecuador.

Barbara J. Stephenson,
of Florida, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Panama.

William Edward Todd,
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Executive Service, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Brunei Darussalam.

Withdrawn January 30

Dennis W. Carlton,
of Illinois, to be a member of the Council of Economic Advisers, vice Katherine Baicker, resigned, which was sent to the Senate on August 2, 2007.

Andrew J. McKenna, Jr.,
of Illinois, to be a member of the National Security Education Board for a term of 4 years, vice Robert N. Shamansky, term expired, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007.

**Checklist
of White House Press Releases**

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released January 28

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Transcript of a press briefing by Counselor to the President Edward W. Gillespie on the President's State of the Union Address

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit of Prime Minister Mirek Topolánek of the Czech Republic

Fact sheet: President Bush Takes Action To Prevent Wasteful Earmarks

Excerpts: State of the Union Address

Text: Guest List for the First Lady's Box at the 2008 State of the Union

Text: Memorandum of Justification for Waiver of Section 1083 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 With Respect to Iraq

Released January 29

Fact sheet: President Bush Takes Unprecedented Steps To Advance Earmark Reform

Fact sheet: The Faith-Based and Community Initiative: A Quiet Revolution in the Way Government Addresses Human Need

Released January 30

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press Secretary Tony Fratto

Statement by the Deputy Press Secretary on the arrest of Riad Seif of Syria

Statement by the Deputy Press Secretary on the President's telephone conversation with Prime Minister Stephen Harper of Canada on Afghanistan

Statement by the Deputy Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Indiana

Released January 31

Statement by the Deputy Press Secretary: North American Leaders' Summit, April 21–22, 2008

Statement by the Deputy Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 5104

Released February 1

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press Secretary Tony Fratto

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit by President Amadou Toumani Toure of the Republic of Mali

Statement by the Deputy Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Kansas

Fact sheet: Addressing Uncertainties To Help Keep Our Economy Growing

Transcript: Radio Address by the First Lady to the Nation

**Acts Approved
by the President**

Approved January 28

H.R. 4986 / Public Law 110–181
National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008

Approved January 31

H.R. 5104 / Public Law 110–182
To extend the Protect America Act of 2007 for 15 days